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Student test scores drop under new standards

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Test scores drop among higher state standards

More homework. The drop came after the city aligned with new, tougher standards called Common Core.

Though the number of city students passing reading and math exams has dropped dramatically under rigorous new state standards, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and other officials were optimistic about what the tests represent for students.

"The tests set the bar higher in terms of the skill sets they were expected to have mastered," Bloomberg said Wednesday.

In the city, only 26 percent of third- through eighth-grade students passed exams on English and 30 percent passed math exams. Under last

year's easier tests, 47 percent of students passed English and 60 percent passed math.

The exams taken this spring were the first in the city aligned with a new, higher set of standards called Common Core.

The new standards emphasize critical thinking and better prepare students for college and careers, officials said.

Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott noted that high school graduation rates are no longer the "be-all, end-all."

Moving to the new standards was "gutsy," Bloomberg said, but that "children will benefit from that for many years to come."

Of the state's five biggest cities, New York students had the highest percentage of passing scores.

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New York City fared better than the rest of the Top 5 cities in the state. / GETTY IMAGES

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"We can't have this generation's Patti Smith moving to Tampa."

Lena Dunham on the rising cost of living in New York for artists

MTA: Dead shark found on subway



The dead shark was discovered on the N train. / BSANCHZ, INSTAGRAM

A dead shark was found on a subway train early Wednesday morning, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Around 12:30 a.m. at Queensboro Plaza, a conductor aboard a Queens-bound N train reported that there was a shark aboard one of the cars.

After the conductor isolated the car, the train

continued to Ditmars Boulevard, according to MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz.

"Upon arrival at Ditmars Boulevard, a train service supervisor reported the shark was dead and he placed it in a garbage bag and disposed of it in the trash," Ortiz said.

Mary M. boarded the train 34th Street after midnight and found the

creature under the seats, she told Gothamist.

"I board a car that's not terribly full and as soon as I enter, a stench hits my nose. It's not the typical urine/trash smell, it's ... fishy?" Mary wrote to the blog.

"I think I stood there for a good minute just staring, thinking, 'Is this for real?! Oh come ON, NYC!'" **ANNA SANDERS**

In Brooklyn

Rent collector shot dead

Police are investigating the possible murder of a rent collector found outside 170 Erasmus Street in Brooklyn.

Paul Setteducato, 64, was shot once in the left side of his head, once in his right shoulder and once in his stomach, police said. He was found

outside his car, lying next to the driver's side rear tire.

Cops said he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police found one shell casing outside and two inside the car.

Setteducato was a property manager for a real estate company, police said. He collected rent from tenants.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

Hate crime

Racist graffiti found on statue of Jackie Robinson

A law enforcement official reported racist graffiti discovered on a statue of Jackie Robinson in MCU Park in Coney Island Wednesday morning.

The graffiti was discovered a little before 8:30 a.m. by Steve Cohen,



The statue / GETTY IMAGES

the manager of the park, cops said.

The graffiti was writ-

ten in black marker on the base of the statue, cops said. The writer used the N-word three times: "Die N—s," "F— N—t" and "F— Jackie Robinson and all N—s."

The graffiti also included the word "Hitler" with a swastika.

The NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force is investigating the incident as a possible hate crime.

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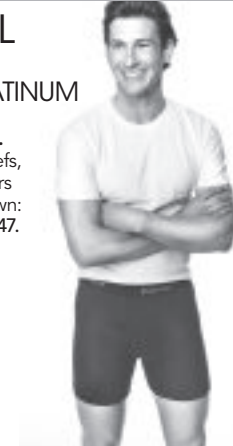
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Anthony Weiner raised some eyebrows when he called a fellow candidate "grandpa." / GETTY IMAGES

Weiner calls rival 'grandpa' at AARP forum

Foot in mouth.

The embattled candidate made the joke at a forum for seniors citizens.

Anthony Weiner got into a heated argument with George McDonald on Tuesday, which ended with Weiner sarcastically calling the 69-year-old Republican mayoral candidate "grandpa."

Weiner may want to check his surroundings before uttering a joke

like that one. The comment was made moments before an AARP forum, attended mostly by seniors, and was captured on camera by NY1.

It all began after Weiner greeted McDonald and apparently put his hands on his chest, according to NY1. The two started arguing and Weiner told the republican he needed to get his anger issues under control. When McDonald responded that he didn't have anger issues, Weiner replied "But you do, grandpa."

McDonald has been on

Values fight

"I would contrast my values with Anthony Weiner's values any day of the week, seven days a week."

George McDonald

the attack over Weiner's sexting scandal, including calling him a "self-pleasuring freak" at a Queens forum last week.

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Private school

Horace Mann paid \$1M to settle sexual abuse claims

The Horace Mann School filed a lawsuit against three insurance companies for refusing to reimburse \$1 million the school paid to settle two sexual abuse claims.

It is the first time the amount of the settlements has been revealed, the New York Post reports.

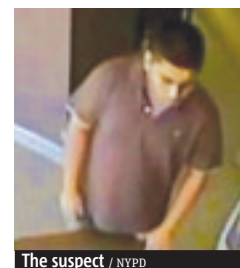
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NYPD. Suspect sought in assault on girl, 4

Police are searching for a man they say sexually assaulted a 4-year-old girl inside a McDonald's play area on Tuesday.

The suspect sexually assaulted the child inside the tubular play structure at the fast-food restaurant at 181-25 Hillside Ave. in Jamaica, Queens, police said.

The man is described as being 18 to 35 years old. He also had a bandage or lump on his forehead.



The suspect / NYPD

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Fluke endorses Quinn in New York City mayor's race

Vote. The women's rights activist said the City Council speaker has what it takes to run NYC.

City Council Speaker and mayoral candidate Christine Quinn received another endorsement from a prominent women's rights activist today, as Sandra Fluke traveled from California to New York to throw her weight behind the race's only female candidate.

Fluke campaigned at various locations around the city with Quinn and the campaign released a video of Fluke explaining her endorsement.

Fluke currently practices law in California, but gained national recognition

when she took to the Senate floor as a law student at Georgetown to push for legislation requiring insurance companies to cover the cost of birth control.

Conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh responded to Fluke's testimony on-air with vicious attacks regarding her and her sex life. The backlash caused several advertisers to pull their ads from his show. His show is reportedly still feeling the repercussions.

In her endorsement video, Fluke recounts working with Quinn on domestic violence issues when Fluke lived in New York.

"Not only will that mean that New York has a great leader, a great champion for families and women in that office, but that means that

Champion for women

"I know that she's someone who's going to champion the communities that I care about."

Sandra Fluke

little girls around New York and all across the country can see a woman in that office, can see that that's something that they can be one day," Fluke said.

Quinn has also received endorsements from Gloria Steinem and many women's organizations, including Emily's List, the National Organization for Women and NARAL New York.



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Sandra Fluke said that Christine Quinn would be a "great leader" for the city. / GETTY IMAGES

'Girls' star backs Stringer for comptroller



Lena Dunham is the star of the HBO show "Girls." / GETTY IMAGES

Lena Dunham gave a full-throated endorsement of Scott Stringer at a glamorous party populated by many of the city's hippest 20- and 30-somethings.

Dunham expressed concern for the rising cost of living in New York City and the risk of artists being priced out.

"I grew up in the SoHo that was full of galleries, where my parents gradu-

ated college and were able to move into a loft for \$350 a month if they just hid their stove from Con Edison," she said.

Now, according to Dunham, the building she grew up in "houses a Victoria's Secret and is next door to a Sephora."

Dunham is close friends with Stringer's lead spokesperson, Audrey Gelman. Gelman has

appeared on Dunham's HBO show "Girls."

Dunham's first endorsement of Stringer came days after Eliot Spitzer entered the race, when she tweeted: "I'm a native New Yorker and I like my leaders with grit, integrity and executive realism. That's why I support @stringer2013 for Comptroller."

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Supporting Stringer

Lena Dunham endorsed Scott Stringer at an event on Tuesday night.

- The actress also said that she was worried that the rising cost of living might drive young artists out of New York City.

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Why did *The New York Times* whitewash this girl's killer?



2001 – The Facts:

Malki Roth was only 15 when she was murdered by a Palestinian terrorist in the 2001 suicide bombing at the Sbarro pizzeria in Jerusalem. Ahlam Tamimi, from the town of Nabi Saleh in the West Bank, helped plan and execute the attack, which killed 15 and wounded 130. She later boasted: "I have no regrets. I would do it again."

2013 – The Fiction:

In its Sunday, March 15 magazine, *The New York Times* featured a glowing cover story romanticizing the residents of Nabi Saleh as sympathetic resistance fighters and portraying Tamimi as a heroine of the village who merely "escorted a bomber to a Sbarro pizzeria." Meanwhile, in the same story, her maimed and murdered victims went unnamed, with the details of their suffering and that of their families omitted.

Malki's mother protested in a letter to *The Times* accusing the paper of glossing over her daughter's murder while showcasing her murderer's admirers; "For a mother to bury her loving, gentle child is torture. To watch the murderer walk triumphantly free and enjoy life rubs salt in that wound every day. But to see *The New York Times* gloss over this travesty of justice....that is journalism of the most amoral sort." *The Times* didn't see fit to print the letter.

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Health care

Congress wins relief on Obamacare subsidies

Congress has partially wriggled free from the "Obamacare" health reforms that it passed and subjected itself to three years ago.

In a ruling issued on Wednesday, U.S. lawmakers and their staffs will continue to receive a federal contribution toward the health insurance that they must purchase through soon-to-open exchanges created by President Barack Obama's signature healthcare law.

The decision by the Office of Personnel Management, with Obama's blessing, will prevent the largely unintended loss of healthcare benefits for 535 members of the Senate and House of Representatives and thousands of Capitol Hill staff. **REUTERS**

Obama cancels meeting with Putin over Snowden decision



Obama and officials debated whether to go ahead with the Moscow visit to give Obama the opportunity to outline his concerns to Putin face-to-face, but decided to express displeasure publicly by canceling. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"President Putin is acting like a school-yard bully and doesn't deserve the respect a bilateral summit would have accorded him." Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer

Backing him up.
Obama received vocal support from Democrats and GOP for the decision.

President Barack Obama on Wednesday abruptly canceled a Moscow summit with President Vladimir Putin planned for next month in a retaliation for Russia's decision to grant asylum to fugitive Edward Snowden.

The cancellation marks a stark low point in U.S.-Russian relations in the years since Obama embarked on a "reset" in ties to try to gain more diplomatic cooperation, only to find that deep differences remain.

"Following a careful review begun in July, we have reached the conclusion

that there is not enough recent progress in our bilateral agenda with Russia to hold a U.S.-Russia summit in early September," White House spokesman Jay Carney said in a statement.

Speaking with reporters in a phone conference, Putin's foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov said the cancellation was caused by the dispute between the two countries over Snowden.

He said Russia's invitation for Obama to visit Russia still stood.

Beyond Snowden, however, a long list of grievances separate the two governments, topped by Russia's support for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Syria's civil war.

"The real issue here is that the U.S.-Russian relationship has been adrift since 2011," said Andrew Weiss, a Russian expert at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. **REUTERS**

Kremlin**Russia 'disappointed' by Obama cancellation**

President Barack Obama's decision to cancel a planned meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin is disappointing, but he is still welcome in Russia, a top Kremlin foreign policy aide said.

"We are disappointed by the U.S. administration's decision to cancel the visit of President Obama to Moscow planned in early September," Putin's foreign policy aide, Yuri Ushakov, told reporters.

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I'LL MAKE IT SHORT

Opinion

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Many articles lately have prattled on about how young people are growing up in a world in which no written thought will require more than 140 characters, no video more than 16 seconds and even fast food will be faster. Well, good luck to the short-attention-span generation, because I'm not convinced new-age social commentators are right about all this. Sure, "Gilligan's Island" may be able to withstand this sort of intellectual drive-by shooting (I mean, how hard is it to grasp the idea of seven people stuck on a pile of sand, even if one is Mr. Howell?) but other works could pose greater challenges. Still, in the spirit of inter-generational cooperation, I've been Twitter-cising some of humankind's greatest literary accomplishments so that the wisdom of ages will not be lost on the texting-at-birth set.

#MobyDick — Call me Ishmael. But seriously, call me, because if my boss keeps me chasing this whale around one more week, I am out of here.

#ATaleOfTwoCities — It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Like when I dated that

girl in college, am I right, Chuck?

#HuckleberryFinn — Homelessness has been around a long while. But apparently if you have a raft, it can be kind of fun! **#AnnaKarenina** — Anna? Are you OK? I've messaged you like a hundred times.

#ToKillAMockingbird — Honestly, this has nothing to do with ornithology. Just saying.

#TheGreatGatsby — Jay meet Daisy. Daisy, Jay. Nice party. And WTH? Was that a car crash down by the filling station?

#TheSunAlsoRises — And then it sets, then rises again and then sets. Meanwhile, we fish and talk. BTW: Why is Jake so cranky?

#TheIliad — FYI, Brad Pitt is pretty good with a sword, but he has weak ankles.

It's just a start and I'm open to suggestions, but if we're going to reduce the culture of all humanity to 140-character bursts we'd better get on it. After all, maybe Tolstoy had time on his hands, but the kids these days? It seems they are quite busy.

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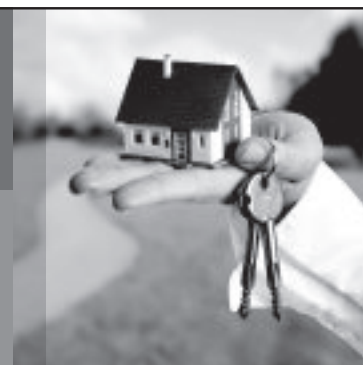
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Bugging out

Where did you come up with this idea?

It was my graduation project. I started to research about factory farming in general. I felt I could only do something with alternative food sources, as otherwise I would end up contributing to this dysfunctional system. So I looked into alternatives, and that's when insects became interesting to me. I researched the various kinds of insects and how they are raised, and the black soldier fly turned out as the most efficient for my purpose (due to its specific life cycle).



Farm 432 / METRO WORLD NEWS

Hey honey, what's for dinner tonight? Bugs

Fly food. A new kitchen device produces insects that are ready to eat.

With the population growing, the need for alternative food sources to feed billions is dire. Industrial designer Katharina Unger believes she has a solution to the problem: She thinks we should all eat bugs. Unger's device, Farm 432, allows people to cultivate and harvest their own edible fly larvae. We talked to the creator about the project and why we should start considering insects as part of a balanced meal.

Most people say "Ew, bugs!" What makes them such a good snack? They contain lots of

protein, amino acids and calcium. We tend to have negative associations with them, but if you look at them just like you do at any other sort of food it makes sense to eat them. They can be raised sustainably — some of them, like my larvae, can be fed on biowaste and are therefore very cost efficient in terms of resources. And they taste good! I just had a barbecue this weekend where I served some and my friends and family loved them!

What does fly larvae taste like?

A bit meaty and nutty. They are a bit harder on the outside and like soft meat on the inside. When you cook them, they smell a bit like cooked potatoes, starchy.



Bugs are a bit harder on the outside and like soft meat on the inside. / METRO WORLD NEWS

Have you ever tried to cater a three-course dinner using bugs as your main protein?

Yes, I cooked a three-course dinner with the larvae once. I had fly in soup as starter, tortellini a

la larva as main and larve au chocolate as dessert.

Do you have a favorite bug-based meal?

It's the larvae tomato risotto I always recommend: a lot of tomatoes mixed with

wild rice and parboiled rice, a bit of Parmesan cheese and basil. It turns out as a delicious meal!



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New study. Blacks hospitalized for heart failure more often

Black patients with heart failure were more likely to be hospitalized for complications of the disease than whites with heart failure, a new study indicates.

They also tended to be younger and heavier, were less in shape and were more likely to have other significant health problems such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

However, black heart failure patients were just

as likely to die from heart-related causes as whites. Researchers said weight and coexisting diseases may play a larger role in the risk of death than race.

"The main difference between the two groups was in rehospitalization risk," said Dr. Robert Mentz, a cardiology researcher at Duke University in Durham, N.C., who led the new study. **REUTERS**

Risky prep

Scientists to make mutant forms of new bird flu

Scientists are to create mutant forms of the H7N9 bird flu virus that has emerged in China so they can gauge the risk of it becoming a lethal

pandemic.

The genetic modification work will result in highly transmissible and deadly forms of H7N9 being made in several high-security laboratories around the world, but it is vital to prepare for the threat, the scientists say.

REUTERS

Poll: Americans want to live longer, but not by too much

Report. Citizens would like to live to 90. But 100 or 120? No way.

How long would you like to live — 100 years? Maybe 120? Would extended life spans be good for society, the economy and the way people go through their lives?

With populations aging and medical science progressing, questions like these are moving from the science-fiction category to the realm of long-term issues that ethicists and policymakers are starting to consider.

The Pew Research Center, a Washington-based think tank known for its surveys into political and social trends, published a report this week exploring views about "radical life extension" and its effects in



The median ideal lifespan mentioned in the poll of 2,012 people was 90 years, about 11 years longer than the current average U.S. life expectancy of 78.7 years. / GETTY IMAGES

Refuse

56%

Some 56 percent said they would refuse medical treatment to extend their lives, 38 percent would take it and the rest didn't answer. But 68 percent thought that other people would seize the opportunity.

Available

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Some 79 percent said life extension should be available to all, 66 percent thought only the rich would have access to it and another 66 percent feared scientists would offer the treatment before fully understanding its effects.

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Titled "Living to 120 and Beyond," the report said that "many Americans do not look happily on the prospect of living much longer lives."

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people call you a legend

Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt attended the PUMA Jamaica Party at Puma Social Club in Moscow's Gorky Park. / IVAN BURNIASHEV, MWN

A league of his own. Bolt says he's not deterred that top sprinters won't be competing.

Six-time Olympic champ Usain Bolt arrived in Moscow ahead of the World Athletics Championships this Saturday. Metro caught up with the world's fastest man at the PUMA Jamaica Party at PUMA Social Club in Gorky Park.

Some of the top sprinters won't be competing in Moscow: Yohan Blake is injured, while Tyson Gay and Asafa Powell are banned due to doping. Is there anyone else that can compete with you, or is victory in the bag?

I am used to relying on my own strengths, and in particular I don't look at my rivals. The main thing is

that I never allow myself to get too nervous before the race. It happens that I do joke around, but for me it's a great way to relax.

Last year at the Olympics you said, "I'm now a living legend." Do you like when you're called a legend?

I don't insist that I should be called that, but I must confess that I really like it. If my supporters and fans of athletics want to call me that, then let them — I don't mind.

After the Championships, Luzhniki stadium is going to be made into a football-only stadium. What do you think about this?

Football and track are my favorite sports, and I don't think they have to interfere with each other somehow.

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On Skyler

'She wanted to protect her family.'

There's a lot of backlash on the show against Skyler. Will she be redeemed, in a sense, in these final eight episodes?

You know, to me, when I look objectively, I've always liked Skyler, because the reason she had [issues] with Walt was because Walt was lying to her. She wanted to protect her family. ... Fans were rooting for him and ... she represented an obstacle for his success. ... It really puts an ambiguity in the hearts and souls of the audience. [They're] going, "Wait a minute, what am I rooting for? Why am I rooting for this man?" It fills them with anxiety. There's drama in the show as well as in the audience. It's pretty amazing.

It might have been the most epic bathroom break in television history.

If you're not caught up on "Breaking Bad," you might want to stop reading here. But if you are caught up, you know that last season's cliffhanging finale ended with DEA agent Hank Schrader picking up some very special reading material while on the toilet — evidence to incriminate his brother-in-law, Walter White, for orchestrating the drug ring Schrader has had his eyes on since the first season.

While you might have been waiting with baited breath to find out what happens when Hank comes out of that bathroom, Bryan Cranston tells Metro he wasn't.

"I didn't ask for the whole year," says Cranston, who has played the series' lead Walter White since 2008.

He says he only got the script about two weeks before the episode began shooting. "I don't need to have a lot of information in my head."

Fans won't have to wait much longer to discover what happens next, as the series returns for its final eight episodes beginning Sunday. Cranston himself was mum about the series finale when we spoke to him last month. But he did share plenty of insight into a series he calls a "cautionary tale," about a man whose hunger for power just couldn't be satiated.

So, how are you feeling these days — happy, excited, sad, nervous?

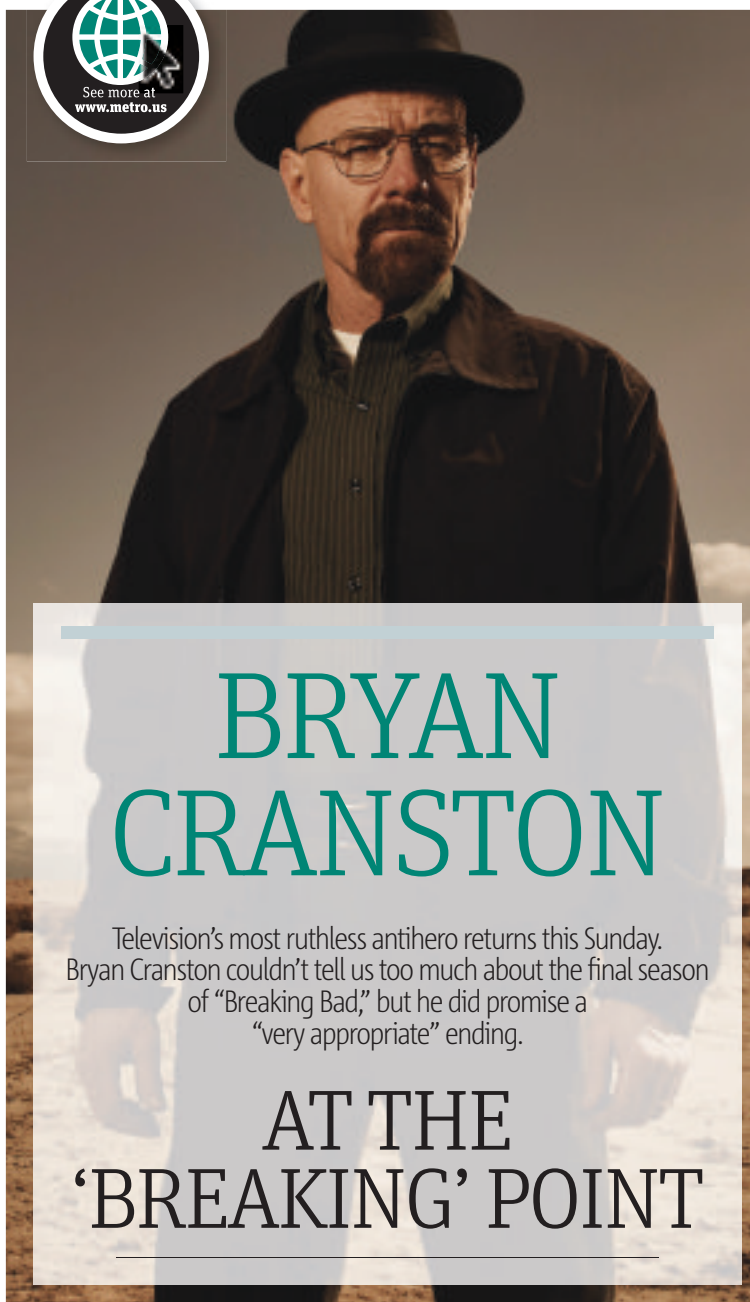
Go on, you're hitting them all. Yeah, you know, we're proud that we were able to get the support from Sony and AMC to be able to write the conclusion that [creator Vince Gilligan] wanted, in the amount of episodes that he felt was appropriate. He was able to do these last eight episodes without feeling like he was diluting the storyline or compressing it so much. He felt it flowed just right, so we're very happy with that.

How many people know the ending right now?

Maybe about 20. It's gonna go up to about 200. ... There are several things that happen, as you might guess, in the last eight — many twists and turns that you will gasp at.

It feels like it can't end well for Walt.

I don't know if it ends badly or not. You're fish-



ing, aren't you?

All right, all right. But last Walt was seen, he was out of the business and about to get his life back on track. That must be wishful thinking.

Yeah, I mean, it is "Breaking Bad," so what happens in these last eight is what's happened in the previous 54 episodes, or whatever the case is — that we go through unapologetically. [We] tell our stories as honestly as we can and present it to fans. And it's been overwhelming, from critics and audiences alike, that it's resonating.

Yeah, why do you think that is? People from all walks of life really connect to this show.

Well, I think because it's



honest. We're exploring sociopolitical relationships. Some people were gleaming that, "Oh, this is a condemnation of the medical care system in the United States, because here's a man who is a teacher, and a well edu-

cated man, and he cannot provide for his family." ... We are telling this story in that manner that is resonating with people because it's not about drug manufacturing or drug usage; this story is about decisions that people make

Inside Walt's mind

Turning the knob

Which Walt is harder for you to tap into: cancer-patient family man or merciless Heisenberg?

Neither, to be honest with you. ... I know that there's less than savory characteristics in my being and I have to let that out. ... Whether it's anger or jealousy or resentment or whatever negative components [of your] personality, you have to admit it. ... And then you say, well, let's turn the knob and allow that to become the worst case scenario.

and the slippery slope that [can] happen.

You did some directing in this final season. Does that mean you had any say into Walt's trajectory?

No. What happens in an ongoing series is that the person created the show and develops the sensibility with the actors and then the actors perform it. When that person then sees what the actors have done and the way they approach a certain problem or issue or how they respond to different people, it can influence how they write that character again. So basically it goes back and forth. Vince Gilligan wrote it, I interpret it, I perform it, he sees what I perform, makes some adjustments to what he writes, and then writes closer to what I'm doing or pushes me in an area that he wants me to go in. We work off each other.

Are you happy with Walt's ending?

I'm very pleased. You know, there was apprehension of reading the last episode because once you read the last episode, there's no more episodes to read — it's just like, whoa, I don't want it to end. But I can honestly say that fans of our show will be very pleased, very satisfied with the outcome. It's very "Breaking Bad" — unapologetic and very appropriate. We cover it all. I can tell you this: There's not going to be a sense of, "Wait a minute, what?" That's not going to be the case with "Breaking Bad."



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Paul says Sunday's premiere is "a violent punch to the throat." / FRANK OCKENFELS, AMC

Yeah, b—! It's time for the 'Breaking Bad' finale!

TV. Aaron Paul's days as conflicted protegee Jesse Pinkman are winding down.

Aaron Paul has won two Emmys for his acting chops, so it's no surprise he was able to fool us into believing that the cast of "Breaking Bad" had filmed 12 different endings for the critically acclaimed series and that he was unsure which of these would make it to air.

But jokes aside, Paul says he does know how his character, the drug-dealer-with-a-conscience Jesse Pinkman, ends his run in these final eight episodes, and that he's happy with the outcome.

"As a whole I'm very pleased," he tells us, saying that it's hard to discuss his character's final moments without giving anything away. It's also a challenge for the actor to admit that the series has come to an end.

"I think [I've] kinda moved past the mourning, or maybe not — maybe I'm just in denial," he says with a laugh. "I'm really excited for people to see what the writers have come up with. You're gonna be stoked."

While he won't reveal too much about the show's final season, he does tell fans to expect the same level — if not more — of darkness they've come to expect from the show. And now, with the end approaching, everything's at a heightened pace.

"I think the first episode of the final eight, that's a violent punch to throat," Paul says, "and it just never slows down. We all know how the season ended last year, so it pretty much starts right where it left off, and it's a constant, brutal sprint to the finish line."

It's been a whirlwind of a ride for Paul's character, a complex young man who was always "in search of guidance," he says.

He's also a character who originally was never meant to last beyond Season 1.

As Paul has told it, Jesse was supposed to lead Walter White into the drug trade and then get killed. The show would have focused on Walt exacting re-

venge for Jesse's death.

It's hard to imagine "Breaking Bad" without one of its central characters, but Paul is convinced the show would have still been a hit without him.

"I would have been a huge fan," he says. "I would have been proud of those few episodes."

The series might be drawing to a close, but things aren't going downhill for Paul. He's basking in the glow of being a newlywed, to activist Lauren Parsekian ("I'm a blessed man — she's the greatest woman on the planet," he tells us), and of being nominated for another Emmy. This year, he's up against co-star Jonathan Banks, who played cleanup specialist Mike Ehrmantraut. Paul says he's wholeheartedly rooting for his co-star.

"To see him standing up on that stage, that right there is a dream of mine."



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"You would like to think that he is the moral compass. But if you really think about it, he was a drug dealer and he's a murderer. ... You hope that Jesse kinda comes out of this, but you know, who knows?"

Paul, on Jesse in "Breaking Bad"



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Amanda Seyfried has a wholesome image, but she's far from alien to edgier fare. Apart from the five seasons she spent on "Big Love," the star of family musicals like "Mamma Mia" and "Les Misérables" has been in the transgressive pictures "Alpha Dog," "Jennifer's Body" and "Chloe." In her latest, "Lovelace," she portrays Linda Boreman (better known by her stage surname, Lovelace). The first household name porn star, Boreman was forced into doing "Deep Throat" in the 1970s by her abusive husband, Chuck Traynor (played by Peter Sarsgaard).

Were you hesitant to take the role?

I wasn't that hesitant. Maybe at first — because you're always thinking, "Is this movie better than some other movie I could do at the same time?" After I met [directors] Rob [Epstein] and Jeff [Friedman], I thought they could tell her story in a beautiful way.

Linda's a very quiet character. Is it difficult to convey feelings without dialogue?

I think it's sometimes easier when you don't have lines, because you can convey a lot in the way you react to things. It was easier with Peter, in reacting to his character. She would just go along with things. She was starry-eyed.

Did Sarsgaard make it easier?

He just made me feel safe. He said to relate to someone as a monster, you have to think of them as a baby first. You have to relate to them as if they were a child you were protecting. That really works. He made



AMANDA SEYFRIED

Amanda Seyfried talks about going '70s and how the nude scenes in "Lovelace" were no big deal.

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Getting into the '70s vibe

That was so fun. I had five wigs. I'm not going to tell you I didn't have fun roller-skating for two days straight. I always wish I could have lived the '70s and '80s.

Chuck so sad at times. This guy's such a useless, insecure little creep. Abusing women was his only power — that's what's so sad about him. He took his power from beating a woman. And that makes him a monster, but also a p—y.

Were the sex scenes difficult to do, or did you just giggle

through them?

The sex scenes were easy. It's silly. They're just silly. They're all silly. The violent scenes were not so silly. They weren't so easy. But they're not terrifying, because you have a structure. Everything's choreographed.



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Review

Richard Curtis didn't make this Brit rom-com

"I Give It a Year" delves into an unpleasant subject: the first twelve months in a marriage, when the thrill of romance dissipates and the realization that one has agreed to stay with someone until death becomes crippling real.

If this sounds like a grim topic, then you're

in luck: This subject is quickly abandoned. Nat (Rose Byrne) and Josh (Rafe Spall) quickly marry, but spend the rest of the film pining for ideal partners, played by Simon Baker and Anna Faris, respectively. It's a time-waster rom-com, albeit one dotted with occasional charm, as well as an amusing twist on Richard Curtis films' mad-dash-to-awkwardly-proclaim-love climaxes.

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Mismatched lovers highlight "I Give It a Year." / MAGNOLIA PICTURES

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THE WOLVERINE IN 3D (PG-13) 2:05, 8:15. RealD 3D

THE WOLVERINE (PG-13) 10:05, 10:50, 1:05, 4:05, 5:10, 7:10, 10:10, 11:20. Digital Presentation

WORLD WAR Z (PG-13) 10:50. Digital Presentation

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'Elysium' is better when it's dumb

Political gore fest. The "District 9" director does more of the same, but with Matt Damon.

If at first you succeed, try again. "Elysium," filmmaker Neill Blomkamp's swollen Hollywood cash-in for "District 9," is more or less the same thing: a blunt political parable involving outer space that turns delightfully gory, plus involves a souped-up man-machine. Like "District 9" and its send-up of apartheid South Africa, "Elysium" — a look at chasmal class divide — isn't deep thinking, nor a rock-solid treatise. It's maximalist politicizing — big and sloppy, and distracting enough to take one's mind off shortcom-

ings of its polemic.

The premise goes "Blade Runner" one further: Instead of a grim future where the rich live far above the surface, in "Elysium" everyone has gone outside our orbit, dwelling in the titular satellite, which looks like a spinning Beverly Hills. Poor minorities remain on an arid Earth, although our hero is a Caucasian Matt Damon with a vaguely Mexican name. After suffering radiation poisoning at his crap job, Damon's Max DeCosta tries to sneak up to Elysium, where any and all wounds/diseases/lesions are swiftly healed.

In "District 9," Blomkamp ran into irksome territory by including among the baddies black South Africans. Here, he fixes that: DeCosta gets involved with shady Latinos, who when pressed

Review

'Elysium'

Director: Neill Blomkamp

Stars: Matt Damon, Sharlto Copley

Rating: R

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turn out to be more selfless and heroic than him. "District 9"'s Sharlto Copley soon reappears, this time as the main antagonist. (Jodie Foster plays Elysium's cold-blooded Secretary of Defense, but does little but stare at screens and speak in an unplaceable — South African maybe? — accent.) Copley is almost as manic as he was in the first film, only this time his unpredictable, unpolished



A part-robot Matt Damon wields a futuristic gun in "Elysium." / KIMBERLEY FRENCH

schtick is used for an unsettling combination of anarchism and self-interest.

This, like "District 9," is all building to a climax where whatever smart and topical messages it meant to convey take a backseat to awe-inspiring destruction. This is a good thing. Blomkamp is a shallow, if sometimes dar-

ing, thinker, but exponentially superior at devising oddly beautiful ways to destroy human bodies. People don't just die in a Blomkamp film — they burst into bloody messes. DeCosta's arc, learning to care about more than himself, is stock, but the script knows how to milk its genre (if not political) ideas in inven-

tive ways. (Rarely has the idea of bringing back a presumed-dead character been this inspired.) Like "District 9," "Elysium" is thrilling when it turns off its brain and just blows stuff (or rather, people) up real good.



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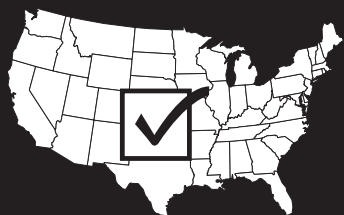
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Interview.

"Elysium" star Matt Damon talks getting buff and voting against his self-interests.

When Matt Damon saw himself on-screen in "Elysium" — after months of dieting and four-hour gym sessions to get him into sci-fi action hero shape — all he could do was laugh.

"It just looked ridiculous to me," he says. "It's so indulgent, but it's part of the magic trick. I understood why [director Neill Blomkamp] needed me to look like that to establish the character. He didn't want any fat on me because he said, 'I want you to look almost Haitian, like you're incredibly fit, but you've been working so hard and perhaps you've missed some meals.'"

While it worked for the film, Damon was happy to let the workout regimen lapse.

"It's just not a natural way for somebody to look. These people who look that way are either genetic freaks or they're just living in a gym," he says.

"[My wife] was fine with me buff, but she was fine with me [40 pounds overweight] on 'The Informant!' I think she likes variety."

While he might not find it easy to relate to the



Matt Damon plays a have-not trying to survive in "Elysium." / WIREIMAGE

look of his character, Max — an ex-con factory worker taking on the rich and powerful on their satellite sanctuary, Elysium, orbiting the ravaged slum Earth has become — he can at least understand him emotionally and intellectually. "He's doing the best he can in a world that's getting increasingly difficult to live in," Damon says.

"A lot of people can relate to that in this prolonged economic down-

turn, where it feels like the world keeps putting its boot on your neck a little more forcefully every day."

Speaking of the current state of the world, Damon has never been one to shy away from addressing political issues, and "Elysium" offers him a great chance to talk immigration — one of the major themes in the film.

"Look, it's a nation of immigrants and I'm from a family of immigrants, so

Another view

How the other half lives

As for relating to the have-nots, like his character in the film? "F— them," Damon offers, with a laugh. "No, at least in my case, I think the values that I have are consistent with the values I was raised with. I vote against my own self-interests constantly. If you're born with a silver spoon in your mouth, you're probably more likely to be the Koch brothers and think that you shouldn't pay taxes on things."

yeah, clearly they're going to have to figure that one out," he says.

"But the politicians don't talk about it at all. They just see it as an issue where with the polling on it, they're just confused on which way to go. So the Republicans just send out Marco Rubio to speak Spanish to everybody."

Not to suggest, though, that Damon thinks he has all the answers: "I don't have a comprehensive immigration plan, no," he says. "But I can work on it."



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Reviews

'In a World...'

Lake Bell wrote, directed and stars in this festival favorite, playing the daughter of a movie trailer narrator ("A Serious Man" scene-stealer Fred Melamed) who wishes to break into the scene herself.

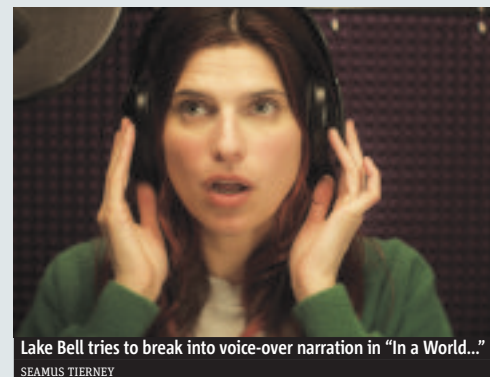
'Planes'

Kids love Pixar's "Cars," so Disney has done a

cartoon about planes. And it stars Dane Cook. This is why we can't have nice things.

'Lovelace'

Amanda Seyfried headlines a cartoonishly all-star cast as Linda Lovelace, the woman bullied into starring in "Deep Throat," the first adult film to become a major mainstream attraction. **Matt Prigge**



Lake Bell tries to break into voice-over narration in "In a World..." SEAMUS TIERNEY

Director takes a weed break

Indie. "Pineapple Express" filmmaker David Gordon Green goes small again with "Prince Avalanche."

Filmmaker David Gordon Green's tastes run wide. He's obviously in love with Terrence Malick, but he also wrote the enthusiastic foreword to "Seagalogy," an epic, film-by-film doorstep study of Steven Seagal. His segue from Malick copycat to director of stoner comedies may have been unexpected. But it illustrated an even less expected development: The magnificent "George Washington" excepted, his weed films ("Pineapple Express," "Your Highness" and the simply slovenly "The Sitter") are in many ways superior to his serious ones ("All the Real Girls," "Undertow" and "Snow Angels").

The two extremes of Green's personality are nearly balanced in "Prince Avalanche," which is at once a bros-before-hos dude comedy and a hypnotic, melancholic portrayal of solitude. Paul Rudd and Emile Hirsch play construction workers spending their summer as nearly the only crew repairing a wooded stretch of highway in central Texas that was destroyed by wildfire. Rudd, with mustache, is comically serious; Hirsch, with shaggy '70s locks, is comi-

cally not. They inevitably bicker, especially once Hirsch's sister, whom Rudd was dating, dumps him.

Rudd envisions himself as something he's not. He has an antiquated idea of what a man should be (as witness the facial hair, which is not Williamsburg ironic). At heart, he's as much a boy as Hirsch, who often ditches or half-asses his duties and wants no more than to party. Hirsch, too, has a false self-image — he's more of a sad sack than he'd ever admit. A talented actor whose career was unfortunately and unfairly harmed by the collapse of "Speed Racer," Hirsch has never given a more filled-out, satisfying turn. He and an expectably excellent Rudd are ideally mismatched. The chief sense of fun comes from watching their characters discombobulate and eventually, with the aid of drink, bond.

Loosely based on the Icelandic film "Either Way," "Prince Avalanche" is a strange hybrid, where slovenly, borderline Judd Apatow-esque behavior alternates with lengthy takes of men at work in nature. Where Rudd and Hirsch are clearly improvising, so is Green, who writes with the camera. Every time the film threatens to tumble into indie clichés, Green pulls it back to something more abstract. Similarly, every time it threatens to OD on scenery-watching, the script pulls it back to somewhere approaching traditional indie territory. It's a film of odd rhythms and textures, and one — like its two heroes — at war with itself in enjoyable and productive ways. In a sense, it's the movie Green should have been making since his "George Washington" debut, though at least he got here at all.

Review

'Prince Avalanche'

Director: David Gordon Green

Stars: Paul Rudd, Emile Hirsch

Rating: R

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Emile Hirsch and Paul Rudd play bickering construction workers in David Gordon Green's "Prince Avalanche." / MAGNOLIA PICTURES

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Alexandra Cavallo takes on the world of gossip.

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Charlie's Anal-gels

In "well, duh" news, TMZ reports that the three new additions to Charlie Sheen's harem, uh, bevy of women known as "Charlie's Angels," are former porn stars. Former hardcore porn stars. I don't find this to be particularly noteworthy because, um, what other kind of woman thinks that it's a pro move to serve as one of that loon's many fun-holes? If you were to tell me that they were former elementary school teachers or, say, members of the Senate, that would be news.

But no, they're former

porn stars. On a side note, isn't it kind of weird that any person who has had sex on camera for money is referred to as a porn "star"? That's like calling Tori Spelling (am I aging myself here? Insert current D-list actor) a movie star. Porn makers, sure. Porn actors, if I'm being generous. Anyway, I digress.

The ladies are Jayme Langford, Jana Jordan and Celeste Star. Langford is perhaps best known for her roles in "Power Munch 3" and "Power Munch 5" — which, OK, are great porn titles.



CHARLIE SHEEN / WIREIMAGE

Oh man. Last week I reported that Justin Bieber was denied access to a Meatpacking District night club for being too young (for being too terrible). This week, however, it appears that the boy wonder managed to talk (pay) his way into a Southampton nightclub. And then promptly got kicked out for inciting a major brawl.

[Note: When I write

Bieber brawl

"major brawl" I'm imagining Bieber and his "posse" in LA Lights sneakers (I don't know why, just 'cause) and skinned knees, wrestling with another gang of ornery tykes, on a playground somewhere.]

But, actually, it was a lot more serious than that. Bieber, who is apparently on a one-man mission to both prove that he's "hard" and ruin his career, reportedly ordered

his bodyguards to beat up a man identified as Wayne Rennalls, who ended up in the hospital with a black eye and bruised ribs.

Who is running this kid's PR team/in charge of wrangling him? Really, I'd like to know. Because they're either very bad at their job or they're on their own mission to destroy the Biebs from the inside. In the case of the latter scenario — carry on.

Brown bows out

Oh no! Oh dear God, no!

That was my exact reaction when I heard that Chris Brown had announced his decision to "quit music."

Nah, just kidding. I, along with most of the rest of the free world, just really DGAF.

Because, for one thing, his music is not that good. For another thing, remember that time he totally beat up his girlfriend and

then, for some reason, we all overlooked it and sort of forgave him, even?

On Tuesday, Brown announced on Twitter that, after the release of his upcoming album "X," he'll be quitting the biz, because he's "tired of being famous for a mistake [he] made at 18."

Not for nothing, but I'm pretty sure that "battering women" isn't just another youthful misstep.



Chris Brown might quit music. / GETTY IMAGES

Russell Brand has loose lips

We all do it. There is not one person among us who — unless you're some preternatural super-being of chastity and light — while in bed with their significant other, has not let their mind stray to the naked body of another.

Monogamy is hard, you guys, and sometimes a little harmless fantasy makes the same-old routine of doing the horizontal soft shoe with our beloved just a little less ... same-old.

It's the little white lie of sexual congress but, like Fight Club, the first rule of fantasizing outside of your relationship is that you don't talk about it.

Russell Brand did not get that memo. Or, he got it, rolled it up and smoked drugs out of it. At a recent stand-up gig, Brand joked "I'd be having sex thinking, 'Think of anyone, anyone else.'" This was insult for the sake of comedy, so it can be forgiven. Unless, of course, you're Katy Perry.

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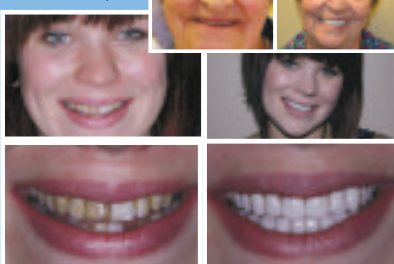
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is a collection of short, insouciant splatters of music from Bogart and partner-in-crime Shannon Shaw that is amateurish even by punk standards. With entries like the surf-bopping, ethos-revealing "Born Blonde" and the 30-second inside-joke "Don't Call Me Fabulous," the album's

carelessness offers an infectious window into what you might think of as annoying things that annoy annoying people. Sounds like punk rock, doesn't it?

"I think it's our bad attention spans mostly," says Bogart via phone from L.A.

"We wanted it to be shorter, but we had to put that really long song ['It's Not Easy'] at the end to make it an 'album.'"

Surely, these are the kinds of songs that go over best in a live setting, where Bogart in his Hunx persona mocks and rocks fans with a raw brand of charisma. But most of the songs on "Street Punk" have never been played in front of audiences. In fact, Bogart reveals, the band plans on relearning most of them days before their first New



Seth Bogart clearly likes things neat and tidy. / CALI THORNHILL-DEWITT

Going solo

'Hairdresser Blues'

Like the title of his 2012 solo album suggests, Bogart had recently left his career as a hairdresser — no more appointments, no more coloring at Oakland's Down at Lulu's, where the singer worked for 10 years. "It

just got old," he says. "I just didn't care what people wanted to look like anymore." The money from music gradually created enough of a safety net for Bogart to invest in other ventures, like his line of tasteless T-shirts — "Crotch Watchers Delights," for example.

York show.

"I don't really care," says Bogart, bringing to mind a theme that is starting to sound familiar.

"I just like to get the spirit of them. The percentage of our fans that care if we sound good compared to those who just want to be entertained and see us get crazy is so little."

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Charles Anderson, formerly of the New York City Ballet, formed Company C after he moved to the West Coast in 1999. "I had the ability to be a curator," says Anderson. "My biggest choreography is the building

of the company itself. The star is the works we bring." These include dances by Yuri Zhukov and Patrick Corbin, and his own "Polyglot," which aligns vocal accents with movement styles; see them Aug. 9 and Aug. 10.

Next up (Aug. 12 and 13) is Whim W'Him, the brainchild of Belgian choreographer Olivier Wevers, who performed with Seattle's Pacific Northwest Ballet for 14 years. He'll show three pieces, including a reinvention of Bourmonville choreography, a dance to Mozart featuring 10 performers and a sofa and "Monster" — about homophobia, addiction and tempestuous relationships.

A group of New York City Ballet dancers bring BalletCollective, a collaboration including live music, Aug. 14 and 15.

The series concludes



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- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
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- 10 (12-inch) skewers (soak wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes to avoid burning on the grill)
- 16 grilled or warmed corn tortillas

Whisk the lime juice, oil, chipotle powder, salt and cumin together in a large bowl. Add the shrimp and toss to combine.

2 Skewer each shrimp through the tail and head ends, leaving about 1/4 inch of space between each shrimp. Transfer the skewers to a baking sheet.

3 Place the skewers in a single layer on the grill without touching. Close the grill and cook until grill marks appear, about four minutes. Flip the skewers, close the grill and cook until the shrimp are just firm, about one minute more. Transfer the skewers to a clean baking sheet.

4 Remove and discard the skewers, transfer the shrimp to a cutting board and coarsely chop. Place in a serving bowl.

5 Serve the shrimp with the tortillas and salsa.

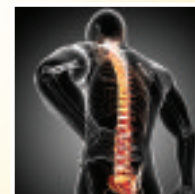
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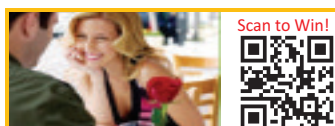


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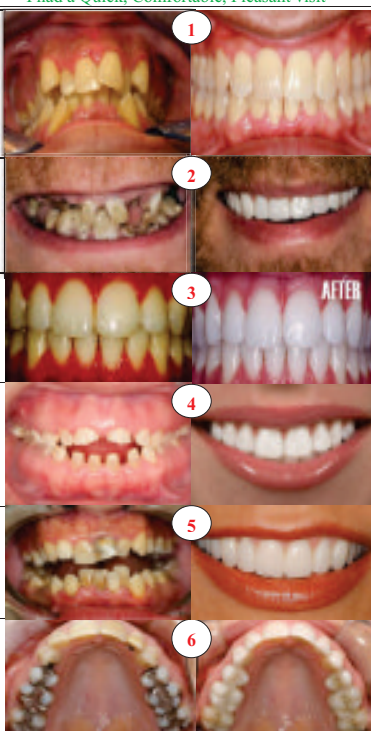
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Set your alarm early for Friday, when Marc Jacobs' namesake cosmetics line finally hits Sephora and

select Marc Jacobs stores. The beauty emporium is actually opening its doors an hour earlier to meet the needs of shoppers waiting to get their hands on the much-anticipated new 120 product collection.

The line — including everything from skin-perfecting foundation, concealer

and brow gel to statement-making colors for lips, eyes and nails — ranges in price from \$18 for a nail polish to \$78 for a bronzer brush.

The product we're pinning for is the Magic Marc'er eyeliner — perfect for creating the bold Edie Sedgwick-esque eyes from Jacobs' Spring 2013 show.

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And for those of you still lusting over a Marc Jacobs bag, the chic lacquered packaging will hold you over — or on second thought, it might convince you to take the plunge.



Limited edition

Banana Republic partners with Issa London

Banana Republic is on a roll with the designer collaborations lately. First there was the summertime Hamptons-inspired collection with Milly, followed by the announcement for their exciting upcoming holiday capsule with designer L'Wren Scott.

And now the retailer has joined forces with Kate Middleton fave, Issa London — you might remember the Duchess of Cambridge famously wore a navy silk wrap dress by the ladylike brand when she and William announced their engagement in 2010.

You can now find that identical dress in the new 40-piece capsule debuting in stores and online today. But unlike the one Kate wore,

which retailed for \$575, the Banana Republic version will cost \$130. The collection ranges in price from \$69.50 to \$150. Accessories range from \$39.50 to \$150.

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40 days of dating: A real-life rom-com

Meet cute. Two friends decide to document their dating experience online — but they won't spoil the ending.

Everyone has that one friend they wonder what it would be like to date. You share common interests — but is the chemistry there? Would it ruin the closeness you have with each other now? Many of us don't bother taking the risk. But longtime NYC friends Jessica Walsh, 26, and Timothy Goodman, 32, decided to take that leap and participate in what they call an "experiment": date each other exclusively for 40 days and document the experience online.

How did you come to the conclusion that you would try dating and you would blog about it?

Tim: I had a small dating idea last summer, but I didn't really know what or how and I had forgotten about it. Jessica and I have always been close, and we have always bonded over our relationship problems. We are the single people in our group of friends and always made fun of each other for our issues. She was kind of heartbroken over a guy, I was dating too many women, and the idea of some sort of dating project came up.

Jessica: It all started last



Are they or aren't they still together? Readers will have to wait until the 40 days are up on Aug. 22 to find out. / SANTIAGO CARRASQUILLA

year on our way to Art Basel in Miami. I was pretty heartbroken over a guy. I had gotten out of a long-term relationship two years ago and ever since I had been trying to navigate the NYC dating scene. It was just not working out for me. Tim, on the other hand, has the opposite problem. He can never commit to a girl and I am always the hopeless romantic. We had been making fun of each other for four years about how different our issues were.

Did you worry that having this new relationship made so public would add pressure to you both?

Tim: Yes. The reason we didn't do it live is because we'd be influenced by each others' answers every time and the public's reaction.

It was important to do the experiment first, not live. It was the only way we could keep a bit of sincerity.

Jessica: Definitely. The whole thing has been a huge risk, but I always felt in my own work that things that were scary ended up being the best things I created. I can't deny, I was scared s—less. But people respond to honesty and to what is human. It's been amazing to see the response that people have.

Can you tell us if you are still together?

Tim: I cannot. We just can't give any spoilers.

Jessica: I cannot.



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The Hookup

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Amber Madison is a Manhattan-based trained therapist who specializes in dating and relationships and is currently taking on new clients. She is also the author of 'Are All Guys A—holes?' for which she traveled the country, spoke to more than 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is no. You can follow her on Twitter: @ambermadi.



A few years ago I crisscrossed the country talking to guys about sex, love and dating as research for my book, "Are All Guys A—holes?" Something I heard repeatedly from guys all over was that "girls love a—holes." Through a combo of dating books, their own experiences and observing the success of friends around them, many guys are thoroughly convinced that nice guys finish last and as one put it, "being nice is a mistake."

Well listen up, guys, because the overly cocky pick-up artist d—bag angle is played out. Trust me when I tell you, girls want to be with guys who are sweet. According to an

NICE GUYS FINISH FIRST — ONLINE



Nobody is buying the backhanded insults or monosyllabic texts.

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analysis of half a million first contact messages sent on the dating site OKCupid, considerate is in! Guys who sent a message with the words "sorry," "awkward" and "apologize" were all significantly more likely to get a response back.

I know what you're thinking, "But I had just perfected my 'I don't give a s— about you' texting response times!" Well, un-pop your collar and listen up.

Being "nice" has gotten a bad rap because it's a synonym for boring. It's not that women don't want to be with guys who treat us well — it's that we don't want to be with a guy who has nothing to

say, has no personality or doesn't command respect (especially from us). Occasionally, yes, we fall into the a—hole trap. But that's less about deep-seated masochistic tendencies and more about our attraction to confidence.

You can be nice and confident at the same time. And actually, since ladies know that guys act like jerks as a way to fake confidence, being nice proves to us that you're comfortable enough not to have to fake it. Be who you really are, and be willing to stand out from the crowd. Showing respect for yourself and consideration to us is never a bad way to go. Whether online or in person, it is what wins.

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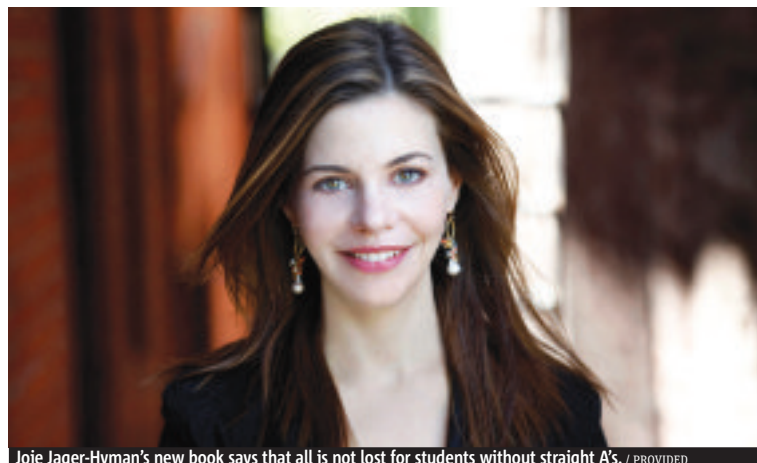
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Making it in without making the grade(s)

GPA. Admissions counselor Joie Jager-Hyman says that grades are just the beginning of a great application.

A new school year is rapidly approaching with a fresh batch of seniors getting ready to apply to college. Whether your dream school is Stanford or your local state university, the application process can be stressful between standardized tests, essays, fees and cutthroat competition. We called up college counselor and author of the book "B+ Grades, A+ College Application," Joie Jager-Hyman to find out how you can make your application stand out in the crowd.

In your book you list six different types of applicants. Could you tell me a little about each and



Joie Jager-Hyman's new book says that all is not lost for students without straight A's. / PROVIDED

how you've developed that breakdown?

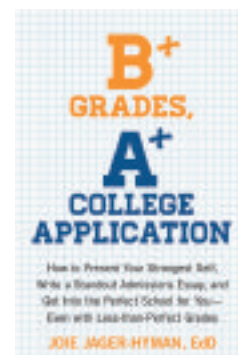
I developed that breakdown based on the type of students that I've worked with. [The types of students] come from the different attitudes that I've seen among applicants. I've been doing college counseling for 12 years, and I've really noticed that there are good students

who wanted to go to college, but really felt ignored by their guidance counselors and even advice books.

How do you get students to look beyond the name of a particular school?

It can be hard, and as someone who has worked in the admissions office, I really try to explain the admissions process in a

way that doesn't make the student feel like the admissions offices are really judging their ability or merit. The process really isn't set up for that, and it's not even predictive of who will be successful in college. So, I really try to get the students to see that if they don't have a shot at a top-tier school, it's not because of them as a person, but it's because of the system and the system is not designed to sort them in a way that reflects their



actual potential. Once they understand that, no, they may not get into NYU, but it doesn't mean that they're a loser, it definitely helps.

What's the biggest mistake people make in their essays?

The biggest mistake that I see is people who sit down to write their essays and it's as if it's to this imaginary old man with patches on his sleeve who's grumpy and they're trying to impress him. However, that's the quickest way to not be yourself. A good essay needs a little bit of conflict, and you

have to be interesting. The worst thing you could do is sensor yourself and be inauthentic.

What's the difference between "early decision" and "early action"?

They're very similar in that the student applies early in the school year to the college. The one key difference is that early decision is binding, while early action is not. If a student applies early decision then they must enroll in the school. If they apply early action then they have an option to not accept the admission offer.

What's your biggest piece of advice?

Remember that there are options. There are thousands of colleges and every student has so many schools that they could get a good education from. Approach the process from a perspective that you have so many choices and they don't lie within one school.

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Making the big move

There's a lot more to moving into your college dorm than what's in the boxes. Emotions are running high, families are running rampant and it's very easy to get lost in the chaos of so many people and their things. Check out these tips to make the day as low stress as possible.

Check out your space. Get the specifics from your university — is your dorm new or old construction? Is there air conditioning? Find out the size of the room, as well as what furnishings are included. If you're moving into a house or an apartment, check for damage from previous tenants and alert your landlord. That way, you won't get charged for another person's carelessness.

Be resourceful. Packing materials can be expensive. Don't pay for them



Organization is key on the big move-in day. / PROVIDED

— use old newspapers and plastic grocery bags, or wrap breakable belongings in jeans, towels and sweatshirts that you plan on bringing with you anyway. Double duty packing saves space and protects your fragile items.

Make it quick. Moving day is hectic — pack your car the day before so you're ready to go. If possible, move into your new place midweek instead of the weekend when everyone else is moving. If a mid-week move isn't in the cards,

try to arrive on campus as early as the university allows on move-in day — the later you arrive, the harder it will be to park.

Mind the temperature. Midday temperatures in late summer can be brutal. Pack items that won't hold up in the heat in boxes to be unloaded first, and label the boxes, "open first." Things like aerosol sprays, candles and certain electronics can melt, explode or suffer damage if left in high temperatures for too long.

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Food meets flea at outdoor markets

In this city, there's a food and flea market to satisfy the needs of every New Yorker. Check out three of our favorites.

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LIC Flea & Food

Queens is known for its ethnic diversity, and the LIC Flea & Food is a microcosm of it all. With a wide range of food offerings from the borough, the outdoor market boasts 80 vendors per day, including local staples such as Butcher Bar and Alobar.

There's a DJ every weekend to entertain the crowds, which are heavy on families and kids. In addition to sampling the food, attendees can shop for handmade jewelry,

leather bags and furniture from local artists.

"I'm a big fan of Long Island City, and there's been a lot of development in recent years," says Josh Schneps, the market's founder.

"There are a lot of great restaurants in the area, but not a lot of shopping. [The market's] a great destination for the up-and-coming neighborhood."

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Smorgasburg

It seems like Brooklyn's Smorgasburg is receiving a lot of attention — so much that co-founder Eric Demby told us he's done interviews like ours "so many times."

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Every Saturday for the month of August, the LES fair — which boasts vendors like Ludlow Pizza and Ducks Eatery — is staying open later, bringing in DJs and opening a beer and wine garden.

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A 'Restaurant Man' takes us into the kitchen

Books. Joe Bastianich has cooked up a saucy memoir.

When he isn't dishing out unabashed advice on the set of "MasterChef" beside the perpetually unfiltered Gordon Ramsey, restaurateur Joe Bastianich is overseeing his 23 restaurants worldwide, including the seven full-service restaurants that are within Eataly New York. And with that kind of résumé, Bastianich has a whole lot of stories to tell. He does in his best-selling memoir, "Restaurant Man," which is now available in paperback.

What do you make of the comparisons to Anthony Bourdain's 'No Reservations'?

His book is also an honest and interesting look. I think it's very entertaining, and he's an incredible writer. I've known him for a long time.

Did you seek any feedback from him while writing your book?

I didn't even tell him about it. The first bound copy I gave out was to him. I wanted him to read it cold turkey. He wrote the best book of the genre that I aspired to [write]. He's a good friend and I wanted his feedback.

There are only a few four-star restaurants left in New York, including one of yours, Del Posto. What does it take to maintain that status?

It takes an army of people. It takes a mentality, a different way of looking at our business. It has to be passionate and about the food and the experience. Maintaining and running a four-star restaurant has to be one of the most difficult



The backlash

'Restaurant Man' had some brutally honest portrayals of the people you work with. Was there any backlash from colleagues or former employees who read the book?

I think the people who are mentioned realize what it is. It's honest. It's honestly entertaining — that's probably the best feedback I've gotten.

things in the world.

Do you feel pressure to put on a larger-than-life persona on TV?

What you see on "MasterChef" is certainly an aspect of my personality. I take the show seriously, and that comes across. I think the same is true for

both Gordon and Graham [Elliot]. They very much are the same people in their daily lives that you see on camera. I think if a show is properly cast, then there is no need for exaggeration.

What's the toughest part of critiquing others' works on 'MasterChef'?

It is sometimes difficult critiquing the home cooks on "MasterChef," especially when we have to send someone home, someone that we've been mentoring for months. It is part of the competition, but it is never easy telling someone who has worked hard toward their dream that their time is up.

What city would you like to open up a restaurant in that you haven't yet?

We're looking at an Eataly in Buenos Aires and an Eataly in Los Angeles and Chicago. I'd love to do London, it's a cool place.

Quoted

"Maintaining and running a four-star restaurant has to be one of the most difficult things in the world." Bastianich

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Only a beer bro? Wild for just wine? Break out!



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Booze. Go on, order that drink you're "too good" for. You might just have your mind blown.

Wine drinkers might turn up their noses at a cold can of beer. And beer drinkers might have zero interest in a tall glass of cabernet.

But this can change, promises certified wine educator Jim Laughren.

Constantly asked by women how to interest boyfriends and husbands in opening a great bottle of wine instead of cracking a beer at the end of a long day, he authored "A Beer Drinker's Guide to



Knowing and Enjoying Fine Wine." He is sure the two drinking camps have something in common. "Wine drinkers can be just as bad as beer drinkers in their reluctance to cross the barrier," he says.

But he's hoping both can taste the other side.

How to tug someone toward trying something new?

"You should appeal to their adventurousness," he says.

Wine drinkers in particular might not realize all that goes into beer making — just as much complexity as wine making, Laughren promises.

Adds Kevin Faerkin, sommelier and general manager at the Grand Central Oyster Bar, "Generally if people say, 'I don't like beer,' I would guarantee that they haven't run the gamut of all the different kinds of beer there are in the world."



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Tips

Find a new taste

The rule: Assess the palate. Does someone enjoy black coffee, coffee with cream and sugar or no coffee at all? "That tells you a lot about someone's palate," Laughren says.

For example, someone drawn to a lighter drink probably wants to try something light on the other side of the equation. Same with the heavy stuff: A tannen-

heavy red fan might like a stout.

"Those are people who are flavor junkies," Laughren says. "They're looking for a big smack in the mouth."

Wine suggestions for beer lovers

Light lager lovers: cava, sauvignon blanc or a light

red wine such as a Rioja crianza

IPA or stout fans: brunello, Syrah, carmenere or a Bordeaux

Beer suggestions for wine lovers

Red wine fans: saisons, doppelbocks and Belgian strong ales

White wine fans: wheat beers, pilsners and brown ales

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Aug. 10, 2 p.m.
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It's BYORS (roller skates) on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Brooklyn Lyceum as the sounds of disco's greatest hits fill the air and you're transported back to a time when nothing seemed more important than rolling around in circles and humming your favorite Bee Gees song.

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People who don't like tacos must not like life itself. Taste six different tacos and decide which is your favorite — is there a better way to eat dinner? The winner takes home a people's choice award and 10 percent of proceeds go to the nonprofit Mexican American Student Alliance. Cocktails? Oh yes, there will be cocktails.

a little weird — hell, Austin, Texas, has been trying to keep itself weird for years. Join this tour of places that have ties to some of NYC's most eccentric characters ever. Learn about terrible singers, cult leaders, the first woman leader of an American religion and more.

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Kermit Ruffins at Highline Ballroom

Aug. 8, 8 p.m.
Highline Ballroom
431 W. 16th St.
\$35, 212-414-5994
www.highlineballroom.com
Kermit Ruffins is a modern-day Louie Armstrong, with plenty of style and finesse. He's bringing his New Orleans jazz quintet, the Barbecue Swingers, all the way from Bourbon Street to treat New Yorkers to a real Cajun-style romp. Sadly, there's no promise of beignets.

The Julie Ruin at Union Pool

Aug. 8, 9 p.m.
Union Pool
484 Union Ave., Williamsburg
\$15, 718-609-0484
www.union-pool.com
Kathleen Hanna has done some

amazing things: She sang for Bikini Kill and Le Tigre, she named the Nirvana song "Smells Like Teen Spirit," she married a Beastie Boy and she got punched in the face by Courtney Love. And now her new band is playing an intimate show at Union Pool. What's next?

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Heritage Radio's Hawaiian BBQ at Roberta's

Aug. 11, 5 p.m.
Roberta's
261 Moore St., Bushwick
\$95, 718-417-1118
www.heritagerradionetwork.com
Heritage Radio will be bringing along a whole hog for Daniel Delaney (Delaney BBQ) to slow cook. Sides like watermelon salad and Hawaiian mini-pizzas will be along for the meal, plus a silent food art auction and a raffle for a "Seattle Food Fantasy." And hopefully hula dancing — this is Hawaiian, right?

FREE

Record Sale at the Rodgers and

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Shaggy at Prospect Park

Aug. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Prospect Park Bandshell
9th Street and Prospect Park West, Park Slope
\$3 suggested donation
www.bricartsmedia.org
Mr. Boombastic is taking his act to the park. You may catch Mr. Lova Lova on camera, but he'll always insist, "It wasn't me." Well, wasn't it, though? With so many nicknames, we may never know, but you can try to catch a glimpse of the reggae artist on Aug. 9.

Hammerstein Archives of Recorded Sound

Aug. 8-10, noon
The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center
40 Lincoln Center Plaza

Free, 212-870-1600
www.nypl.org
R&H have decided to sell off 22,000 slabs of vinyl this week-end at the first sale they've had since 1984. Pick up a pristine copy of your favorite Wham! album, or maybe you're more of a Guns N' Roses fan? From Elvis to Bieber, they've got something

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FILM

Black Maria Films presents: LADIES' NIGHT

Aug. 11, 8:30 p.m.
Culturefix
9 Clinton St.
\$5 suggested donation, 646-863-7171
www.culturefixny.com
Black Maria Films celebrates NYC's independent female directors with short films by Maya Deren, Shirley Clarke, Lois Weber and more. From the silent era through the talkies, see some of the most interesting works by local ladies. Stick around for a Q&A with directors Jaclyn Graminga, Rachael Guma and Marina Fernandez.

Horoscope

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You're likely to be luckiest in matters pertaining to your financial affairs, especially if you're looking out for others.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. An important, influential contact upon whom you've made a good impression is ready to help you achieve important goals.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Even though your focus might be devoted to a specific objective, there is a very good chance that you could achieve many other successes as well.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Associates are likely to admire and respect your perspectives and opinions, mostly because they'll sense a certain light about you. It's called optimism.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Joint ventures look better than usual. Even if you're already involved, your chances for expanding have promise.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Because your judgment is so keen right now, the conclusions you draw should be exceptionally good ones.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. If you're performing a service for financial gain, the pay could turn out to be generous..

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. A partnership could turn out to be an exceptionally good one in terms of your social life. There's more to this alliance than meets the eye.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Certain necessary tasks can be easily accomplished today, but could become a problem if you put them off. Make every effort to do them now.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You will be better than usual at seeing all the positive things. This attitude will generate some developments.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You're likely to be luckier with financial matters today, so if you're smart, you'll do what you can to make lots of hay while the sun is shining.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Certain plans can now be expanded, producing greater personal advantages than even you dared hope.
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Letters

Land of the free pass, home of the knave

Re: 'Don't let one bad spot spoil the whole fruit' (Metro, Aug. 5) I'm stunned! In any other universe, Eliot Spitzer would be a misogynistic creep who exploits women, but in this universe he is just "doin' what comes naturally." Can you spell "double standard," boys and girls? Let's not forget how Spitzer was found out — an alert bank employee recognized the money-laundering techniques he was using to cover up his payments to the prostitute. MONEY LAUNDERING! Not to mention that he invited himself to a congressional hearing to have an excuse for the taxpayers to pick up the tab for his travel to D.C. for a liaison. (Oh, and aren't both prostitution and patronizing a prostitute crimes?)

All this from the "Sheriff of Wall Street." The hypocrisy is palpable. I realize a ham

sandwich could get elected in NYC as long as it runs as a Democrat, but I hope the voters will be a little more discerning in this election.

WILLIAM FLIPSE, VIA EMAIL

Only washboard abs need apply

Re: 'Who will be the next Batman?' (Metro, Aug. 5) I think the person who should seriously play Batman has to be Bradley Cooper. Gosling and Goode probably wouldn't be the right fits because seeing them in a costume like that would probably be just as sickening. Brolin may be a good candidate as well, but I think Cooper has the assets to play the famed vigilante. If not him, try Mark Wahlberg or Matt Damon.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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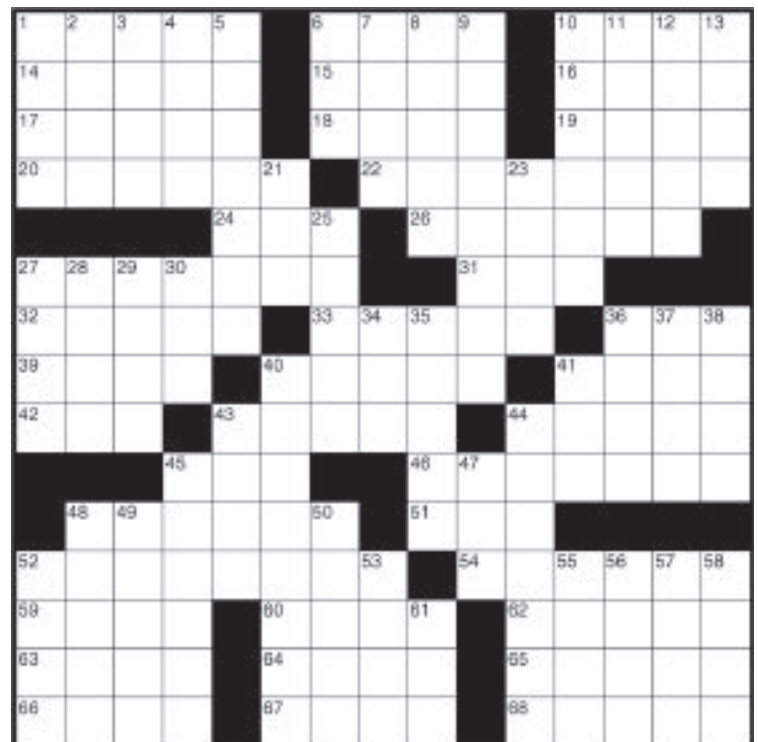
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- 17 Peace Prize name
- 18 Author Roald —
- 19 Misplace
- 20 Darth Vader's real name
- 22 Tailed
- 24 Pit stop purchase
- 26 Looked as if
- 27 Sugar-cane cutter
- 31 Bird's beak
- 32 Monorails
- 33 Police busts
- 36 To's opposite
- 39 Verne skipper
- 40 Latin dance
- 41 Ta-ta in Turin
- 42 Weathervane dir.
- 43 Inclines
- 44 Cluster
- 45 Lots of laughs
- 46 Bad guys
- 48 Turn pale
- 51 Beatty of "Network"
- 52 Dismissals (hyph.)
- 54 Hardly tiptoes
- 59 Brand for Bowser
- 60 Frankenstein's assistant

Down

- 2 Turn away
- 63 Gardener, often
- 64 Zero
- 65 Enthusiasm, plus
- 66 Hole-making tools
- 67 Pesky bug
- 68 Make vertical
- 37 Road rally
- 38 Appreciative murmurs
- 40 Ponderosa activity
- 41 Magna — laude
- 43 Viking letter
- 44 Night owl need (2 wds.)
- 45 Kind deeds
- 47 Toshiba rival
- 48 Further down
- 49 Boutonniere's place
- 50 Navajo lodge
- 52 Tee-hee cousin (hyph.)
- 53 Carbonated water
- 55 Stadium shape
- 56 Cafe handout
- 57 Stiffly decorous
- 58 Iffy attempt
- 61 Squeal on
- 1 Warrior princess
- 2 Dendrite partner
- 3 Fidel's country
- 4 Long hike
- 5 Helps out
- 6 Spanish hero El —
- 7 Lie around
- 8 Aramis' friend
- 9 Big circus name
- 10 Self-assurance
- 11 Russell — of "Gladiator"
- 12 Moved gingerly
- 13 Changed color
- 21 Styron's — Turner
- 23 Wine sediments
- 25 Antitoxin
- 27 Natural elevs.
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- 29 Arrived
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Jets vs. Lions: Three storylines to watch

NFL. The preseason gets underway on Aug. 9 with a visit to the Motor City.

The most intriguing preseason in the history of the Jets gets serious on Friday night with the first preseason game, in Detroit. A new GM and a new "competition" mantra makes this opening game anything but predictable. It also sets up some intriguing position battles on both sides of the ball.

We look at three things to watch for in the game Aug. 9 (7:30 p.m., CBS):

1 The running game
With Mike Goodson still MIA and Chris Ivory sidelined for much of training camp with a



Ricky Sapp has had trouble staying healthy, but he could be a big piece for the Jets' defense this season. / GETTY IMAGES

hamstring injury, the running back position is wide open. Bilal Powell played well in last Saturday's Green and White scrimmage and he seems to be finding his stride as he enters his third year in the league. After him on the depth chart is

John Griffin, whose pass-catching ability makes him a tremendous fit for the West Coast offense.

2 Will Sapp run?
The big name on the defensive side throughout the offseason and now training camp has

been outside linebacker Ricky Sapp, who appears ready to emerge from his backup role into a starting one. With a full offseason, he has shown himself to be very active at outside linebacker and is a constant presence in the backfield.

3 And yes, the QBs
Mark Sanchez gets the nod in Detroit as the starter, but it will be the rookie Geno Smith who should get the majority of snaps after the starters get pulled in the first quarter. This past week, Sanchez has looked the sharper of the two quarterbacks, but Smith has made significant progress since June.

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Who's first?

Source: Sanchez on top in QB competition

Mark Sanchez is slated to start in Detroit, but he's also ahead in the quarterback battle as of right now and would be the starter if things continue to hold steady, according to a team source speaking on the condition of anonymity.

"Right now, Sanchez has a lead. It isn't a huge lead, and internally, I can tell you that the lead has gotten smaller and tighter," the source told Metro. "But he is ahead right now. He's shown a command of the offense and is making better decisions. He isn't as flashy as Smith — he doesn't make your eyes pop out like the rookie does — but he commands things better." KRISTIAN DYER

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Linebackers corps in transition for Giants

NFL. All three starters from last season are gone or in different roles, making this a battle to watch.

The Giants have undergone an overhaul at multiple positions this offseason, but none more than the linebackers unit, in which Big Blue will look to replace two-thirds of the starting positions.

Last season's unit that featured Chase Blackburn in the middle, Michael Boley on the weak side and Mathias Kiwanuka on the strong side is gone; in their places will be younger, cheaper veterans.

The leading contenders on the depth chart seem

to be Mark Herzlich in the middle, with Spencer Paysinger and Keith Rivers flanking him.

"It's kind of surreal, the overall process of the past two and a half years," Paysinger said. "But it's been great just coming into the unknown and working my way up to a potential starting role."

Herzlich believes his time has come, and even though he's technically in a battle with veteran Dan Connor.

"I'm not preparing to beat Dan every practice. I'm preparing to be the best middle linebacker that our team needs," Herzlich said. "That's more my philosophy on it and competition is good."

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Mark Herzlich could step into a starting role for the first time in his career this season. / GETTY IMAGES

Preseason Week 1

Giants vs. Steelers: Storylines to watch

The Giants will travel to Pittsburgh to get the season started on Aug. 10 (7:30 p.m., NBC).

We give you three things to keep an eye on in the game:

1 Pass rush

Last preseason, undrafted rookie defensive end Adewale Ojomo was the star. Could rookie Damontre Moore be the one to step up this year? He was one of the most heralded pass rushers in the country last season at Texas A&M.

2 RB by committee

When the Giants released their unofficial depth chart last week, much was made about them displaying two starting tailbacks, David Wilson and Andre Brown. They'll both



Randle has impressed in his second camp. / GETTY IMAGES

likely see short work since it's the opening preseason game, but when they're in there, they will get a good test against the Pittsburgh 3-4 defense.

3 No. 3 receiver

Victor Cruz and Hakeem Nicks have the top spots, so Rueben Randle, Jerrel Jernigan and Louis Murphy will get to show the coaching staff they are worthy of being the No. 3 wideout option. Randle seemingly has the inside link after a strong camp. **TONY WILLIAMS**

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Since C.J. Spiller was underutilized by the Chan Gailey regime, there's a perception he won't be a volume back this year. Don't fall into that trap. Check out this quote from new OC Nathaniel Hackett: "It's real simple. We're going to give him the ball until he throws up."

SLEEPERS ARE GREAT,
BUT BEWARE OF BUSTS

Chicks dig the sleepers. Everyone wants to find the next Alfred Morris or Robert Griffin III. They don't want to conjure up memories of Ryan Mathews and Darren McFadden.

However, chicks also dig winners. That's why we have to avoid the prime "bust" candidates heading into fantasy drafting season.

Tough hill to climb.

Ronnie Hillman has generated a ton of buzz because he's running as the starting running back in Broncos camp. Upon closer examination, he's being overhyped.

Hillman is a slightly built 200-pounder that the team has repeatedly called a change-of-pace player. He excels on perimeter runs and getting in space. Montee Ball, on the other hand, is a traditional between-the-tackles runner. He's



Dolphins receiver Mike Wallace cashed in as a free agent, but that doesn't mean he'll be a fantasy stud. / GETTY IMAGES

getting first-team reps as well and is more suited to a bell cow role. Hillman's upside is as a committee back.

Young Money. The Dolphins paid Mike Wallace \$60 million in

free agency, but that doesn't mean it will work.

As the leader of the "Young Money" crew in Pittsburgh, Wallace specialized in taking the top of defenses with go routes. The problem is

that Miami is trying to cram him into its strict West Coast scheme, while also breaking in turnstile left tackle Jonathan Martin and second-year quarterback Ryan Tannehill. There's a lot of crash-and-burn potential here.

Rivers of screams. The "wait on a quarterback" strategy is very viable. But don't wait and end up with Philip Rivers.

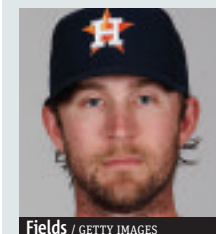
New coach Mike McCoy has gotten rid of the old vertical scheme and implemented a quick-hitting, conservative passing game. It's an attempt to hide both Rivers' declining arm and one of the league's worst offensive lines.

Things got worse for Rivers this week as top wideout Danario Alexander was lost with a torn ACL. It's going to be ugly in San Diego.

MLB pickups

Keep these names in mind if you are looking to tweak your fantasy baseball roster this week:

- Ian Kennedy, SP, Padres
Kennedy went from Arizona to San Diego. For a pitcher, that's like going from hanger steak to filet.
- Eric Young Jr., OF, Mets
He's batting leadoff every day and producing. Plus, he has 85 steals in 354 career games.
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announced on Wednesday, Aug. 7, he will retire from the NFL. The guard had been offered a deal with the Cowboys, but decided not to sign.

Moore, 33, joined the Jets as an undrafted free agent out of Illinois

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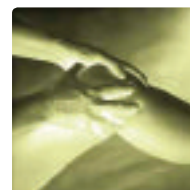
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Queens County Supreme Court, IRENEUSZ MASLANKA V. KATARZYNA CIESLA, Index no. 15578/2012

LET, KATARZYNA CIESLA, the Defendant herein, and IRENEUSZ MASLANKA, the Plaintiff herein show cause before this Court at Part 51, Rm 21 thereof to be held at the Courthouse located at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York 11435 on September 11, 2013 at 9:30 a.m., or soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, why an Order should not be made and entered granting the movant the following relief:

A) An Order appointing ADAM CIESLA as Guardian Ad Litem for the Defendant, KATARZYNA CIESLA pursuant to CPLR Section 1201 and permitting him to represent the Defendant's best interest in herein matter.

B) An order staying, or in the alternative, modifying the Defendant's child support obligation in the instant matter until further order of the Court.

C) Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

ORDERED, that the Defendant KATARZYNA CIESLA must appear in court, in person on the date at the place above indicated.
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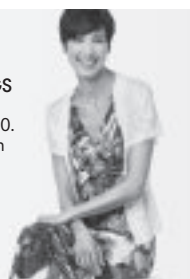
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